

## NEED OUT OF INTO CHURCH

**Pastor's Son Would Lift Ban on  
Theaters, Horse Racing,  
Dancing and Circuses.**

J. Henry Smythe, Jr., of New York, Red Cross worker, slogan expert in recruiting and liberty loan campaigns and son of a Methodist minister, has swooped down on the Methodist Episcopal Church conference here and within the next forty-eight hours expects to start the ball rolling to put "Jesus" into Methodistism.

In brief, J. Henry says Methodists should rub out their "blue laws," and remove the ban from innocent worldly amusements, by repealing paragraph No. 250 of the church discipline.

This important paragraph is forty-eight years old. For the past generation there have been no significant attempts to have it stricken out. This year memorialists from a dozen or more conferences will go to the general conference, meeting in Des Moines, next month, urging its repeal.

Text of "Blue Law." Here is the paragraph in question, which J. Henry says is keeping millions of folks out of the Methodist church:

"Trial of a church member, imprudent conduct; in case of neglect of duties of any kind; imprudent conduct; indulging in sinful tempers or words; dancing; playing at games of chance; attending theaters, horse races, circuses, or other places of amusement; or taking such other amusements as are obviously of misleading or questionable moral tendency; or disobedience to the order and discipline of the church. On first offense let private reproof be given by the pastor or class leader; and if there be an acknowledgment of the fault and proper humiliation, the person may be borne with."

"On the second offense, the pastor or class leader may take with him one or two discreet members of the church. On the third offense, let him be brought to trial and found guilty, and there is no sign of real humiliation, he shall be expelled."

Didn't Miss a Game. The fight for a more liberal Methodistism during the past twenty years has waxed sarcastic at times. For instance, back in 1909, at a general conference in Chicago, Rev. F. A. Arter offered this resolution:

"I want to offer an amendment: To amend by inserting the following after the words 'or patronizing dancing schools,' 'opera, grand opera, living pictures, tableaux, charades, prize-fights, pug fights, cock fights, cock fights, yachting, roller skating, golf, baseball, curling, and playing the following games: Backgammon, billiards, checkers, chess, dice, croquet, polo, pool, golf, lawn tennis, cricket, one o'cat, skittles, lacrosse, old so-called, blind man's bluff, prison goal, tug-of-war, crokinole, miniature, raffish, craps shoot, pitching quots, archery, tennips, shuffle board, bicycling, hand-bag, basketball, houseball, hand-up, battle collee, crackabout, over-the-barn, house-over or hollow-over, cornerball, black-baby, marbles, game of authors; and that dangerous game of chance, called lotto, the Salvation Army and Salvation delegates."

Mr. Smythe already has laid his appeal before the memorial committee of the conference. He will seek to get the final vote tomorrow before adjournment, so that he may make a personal appeal to every member before final action is taken on the proposed memorial to the general conference.

## ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH TO STAGE MINSTREL SHOW

A minstrel show for the benefit of St. Martin's Church will be given in Gonzaga Hall, 45 E. street north-west, on April 19 and 20.

Rehearsals have been held for the past three weeks.

The following are included in the cast: Misses Alice Andrews, Mary P. Burke, Lucy Clarke, Beatrice Cosgrove, Mary E. Crowley, Mary Daily, Mary Darling, Gertrude Ganges, Isabel Gorman, Marjorie Gorman, Lastella Hansen, Mildred Hansen, Eitelka Kenney, Catherine McCleod, Agnes Madigan, Anna F. Meehan, Margaret Meehan, Florence Palmer, Regina Palmer, F. Prossie, Loretta Ryan, Elizabeth Sauer, Loretta Scheraga, Edna M. Strudley, Marie Strudley, Mae Sweeney, May Whalen, and Mrs. Margaret Birkle and James J. Bowie, C. H. Bowers, John W. Cronin, George A. Dowden, Francis E. Hart, Thomas E. Harrison, James Kellier, Ralph Klucken, L. E. Leland, W. A. McKinney, William B. McMahon, J. J. Meehan, Jr., John Miller, Lee Moxley, Felix Murphy, Thomas E. O'Connell, Bernard O'Connor, Everett Phillips and John J. Shay.

## SALVATION ARMY WILL BUILD WOMEN'S HOTEL

A women's hotel, operating on a service at actual cost plan and to be equipped with bowling alleys, club rooms, and sleeping porches, is to be opened by the Salvation Army in the old Civil Service Commission building, Eighth and E streets northwest, in the next few months.

The building was recently purchased for \$80,000 by the Salvation Army, the money coming from the fund of \$143,000 contributed by Washington last spring. National executive offices of the Salvation Army will also be located in this building.

## FORM CITY CLUB BRANCH.

At a meeting of sixty women teachers, lawyers, and physicians last night, the formation of a business and professional women's branch of the Women's City Club was completed. Miss Gertrude Leonard was elected chairman and Dr. John C. Longworth, of Cincinnati, Ohio, will be the speaker. Mr. Richardson, a tutor of the fund, Wednesday Mr. Richardson is a pupil of Caruso, and musical critics regard him as the peer of John McCormack. Mr. Richardson will be obliged to leave for his home at 8:45 p. m. and the committee in charge requests members of the Ohio Society and their guests to be seated by 8 o'clock, that they may be able to enjoy Mr. Richardson's renditions.

## Nephew of Tolstoi, Who Says He Can Raise Dead, New D. C. Society Lion

"I am a healer. I direct the power of the stars and the universe. I cure by the touch. I raise the dead to life. I cause the lame to walk. This course," the youthful Baron Eugene Fersen, nephew of Count Leo Tolstoi, when he appeared on the local horizon a few weeks ago. Washington society pricked up its ears and ears rather incredulously this broad claim. Then when Mrs. Nannette B. Paul, 2007 Columbia road, threw open her home to the young Russian for a series of lectures, Washington society accepted him with open arms.

The baron is booked for a series of seven lectures in Washington. He gave the third yesterday afternoon. Washington society is paying \$50 for the course. The proceeds will go to the committee on Russian relief, of which Countess Catuscene is chairman.

Teachings Are Latest Fad. Bridge, card parties, bazaars and other forms of entertainment have gone into the discard temporarily at least, for the baron's teaching has become a fad.

"Oh, I think he is just wonderful," said one Washington society matron, "and so young," interposed another; "who added, 'I wish I could remember more of it, but he says so many wonderful things, it is impossible to understand it at first.'"

Justice William Hitz and Mrs. Hitz are attending the course of lectures. He has been giving a careful study to the baron's teachings.

"Baron Fersen's course is marvelous," says Mrs. Hitz. "He has focused the philosophy of the universe on one principle and evolved an entirely new science of healing. He has what is termed in theosophy a 'synthetic mind.'"

Asked for a definition of the baron's teaching, Mrs. Hitz explained it in this manner:

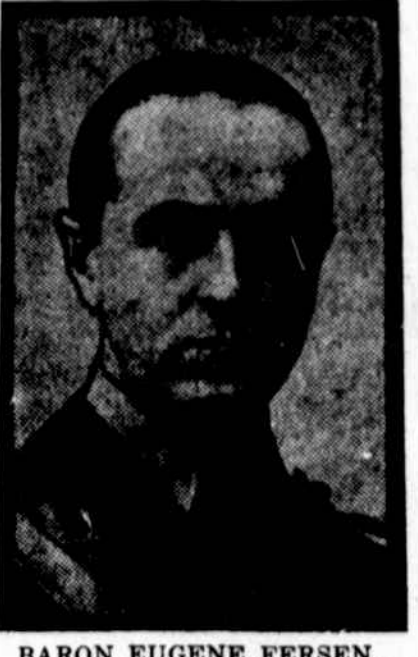
"It is a philosophy which leads to a knowledge of the laws governing the universe and man, and the self-control of the individual. Application of this knowledge would lead to a development of powers, health-giving and health-taking, that now being latent, will later lead to the manifestation of direct healing."

"Baron's Fersen's pupils are arranged in a circle about him during his lectures. He has blue eyes and brown hair. He wears the uniform of the Slavie Red Cross."

"He has a 'presence' that it almost marvelous," one of his audience said. "His grip is strong and can be felt in every part of the room. He is magnetic and compelling."

Baron Fersen spoke confidently of his work to a Times reporter.

"Yes, I cure by the touch," he said.



BARON EUGENE FERSEN.

"I have cured cancer. By my touch I enabled a lame man to walk. He had never walked before."

"I brought a dead parrot to life by my touch, and expect to do many more marvelous things. I lecture to hundreds of the highest types of women almost daily, society women especially."

"Many noted physicians attend my lectures, and some of them have expressed great interest in my healing powers. The baron does not claim to have divine power to heal. He attributes his healing powers to science. 'It is that I know how to utilize the laws of the universe,' he explained with a sweep of the hand."

"I came to America alone," the baron continued. "No one helped me. I was not advertised. Although I know many distinguished Americans, I did not solicit their support."

"People in this country seemed to 'feel me' and came to me. In that way my work of healing got started in America. This is my eighth visit to the United States."

Pleased By Reception. Washington's reception has greatly pleased the baron, who lectures every Saturday afternoon at the Paul home and in the evenings at the Church of Life and Joy.

The baron was accompanied to America by his mother, the Baroness Olga Fersen, following a reversal of fortune after the war. They are making their home in New York city.

Lecture courses are now being given in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington.

## ATTACK CHARGES AGAINST PICKETS

**Attorneys for Nine Women  
Under Arrest Question  
Legality of Procedure.**

Legality of the charges under which the nine women arrested while picketing in front of the British embassy are being held was questioned today by George A. Berry and F. J. Ryan, counsel for the women.

The women are charged, according to Mr. Ryan, with "affronting and insulting the Hon. Roland C. Lindsay, in violation of the law of nations."

Mr. Ryan asserts that this statute does not in any way make reference to "affront or insult."

Mr. Ryan contends there being no mention of "affront or insult" in the statute and that the women did not assault, strike, wound or offer violence, the words "affront and insult" cannot be read into the statute by the United States District Attorney.

It is intimated that while the women have been released on bonds, efforts will be made, should others be arrested, to have them released on the ground that they are held illegally charged and arrested.

Cited Philadelphia Case. Mr. Ryan pointed out that about fifty years ago a number of men were arrested on the same statute, but were acquitted. In charging the jury in Philadelphia the Federal judge by way of obiter, Mr. Ryan asserts, used the word "insult."

Mr. Ryan's contention that a judge has no legal authority to "write words" into a statute.

Frank P. Walsh, of New York, will arrive in Washington tomorrow to take charge of the defense of the picketers, who will be arraigned Monday before United States Commissioner Mason N. Richardson.

Three additional arrests of picketers, making the total nine, were made yesterday afternoon. Those arrested were Mrs. James Walsh, of New York; Mrs. Thomas Colburn, of New York; and Mrs. Katherine Colburn, of New York.

At the headquarters of the picketers it was stated this morning there would be no picketing of the embassy today, but that it would be resumed tomorrow.

Miss Laura Quinn, of Boston, and Miss Mary Galvin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who spent Friday night in jail, were released yesterday.

They said they did not "jail a bit."

It was stated this morning that the picketers for Irish freedom may extend their picketing to other cities.

"We intend to keep on picketing the British embassy, and to extend our picketing activities to other cities where British interests hostile to the Irish people are active in this country."

"We shall keep on until the British army of occupation is removed from Ireland," she declared. "Every principle which America avowed in the war is being trampled under foot by the British soldiery in Ireland," said Mrs. Walsh.

"In our picketing we intend no violence. Our methods are peaceful. What we are doing has been vindicated as lawful in scores of cases by American courts, and we are acting by advice of able counsel."

Ten volunteers from different sections of the United States arrived in the capital last night to assist in picketing.

## BAYNES TO LECTURE ON "ANIMAL ALLIES IN WAR"

Under the auspices of the Humane Education Society, two lectures will be given the coming week by Earnest Harold Baynes, the well-known naturalist and writer on animals. The first lecture, "Our Animal Allies in the World War," will be delivered at Masonic Temple Auditorium, Thirtieth and New York avenue, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. This lecture will be illustrated by the aid of the pictures of animals that took part in the war, and is the result of months of observation in the war zone.

On Wednesday, at 8 p. m., in the New National Theatre, Mr. Baynes will deliver his celebrated illustrated lecture, "Mankind's Best Friend—the Dog." These lectures are part of the program planned by the Humane Education Society of the District.

## CONG. KITCHIN WILL RECOVER, DOCTOR SAYS

The condition of Congressman Claude Kitchin, stricken with paralysis after the conclusion of a speech against the adoption of the peace resolution in the House of Representatives, improved this morning, Dr. Lewis J. Battle, said that he was confident of recovery.

"At 9 o'clock last night Mr. Kitchin, to my great surprise, was able to move his left hand and foot, on the paralyzed side, showing that the blood clot is being absorbed and that the pressure on the brain is being relieved," said Dr. Battle. His mental condition is splendid and his articulation is greatly improved."

## REVIVAL OF RELIGION IS URGED BY SHERMAN

"No good government can be had, and especially popular government, unless the people shall live under the wholesome influence of spiritual forces," said Senator Sherman, of Illinois, chairman of the Senate District Committee, in a letter he has addressed to the Interchurch World Movement.

Senator Sherman takes a serious view of the world situation. He strongly believes there should be a revival of religion and a united effort of the churches toward a common end—the spread of Christianity.

The Interchurch World Movement, in which thirty denominations are participating, is to hold a local conference Thursday in the First Congregational Church, when plans for the drive to raise the District's quota of the \$336,000,000 budget desired by the churches will be laid.

## NEW WORKERS IN DISTRICT ORGANIZE

**B. B. Caviston Elected Temporary  
Secretary and H. L.  
Whitney Treasurer.**

Temporary organization of a New York State Society was accomplished last night in a meeting in the Wilson Normal School of more than 100 residents of that State.

Three other State society meetings were held simultaneously in the same building last night—the Michigan, New Jersey, and Ohio societies.

B. B. Caviston, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, was elected temporary secretary and H. L. Whitney, temporary treasurer of the New York society. Miss Ellen Purdy, president of the Woman's State Club of New York, acted as chairman. The following committees were appointed:

Constitution and by-laws: F. F. Randolph, Miss Kate Wethy, and Ralph D. Jones.

Nominations: A. J. Buehler, Miss C. E. Lynch, and Michael Henry.

Entertainments: Miss Esther Reed, E. L. Reiser, and Miss F. L. Crandall.

Col. W. DeGrange, president of the All-State Society of the District, spoke. The next meeting of the society will be held at the call of the secretary.

A dance and entertainment was given by the Michigan society. A musical program and recitations were made by Mrs. O. E. Alden, Miss E. J. Herman, Miss Madge Clemons, and Miss Geraldine Shand. Congressman Jochenberger presided.

The semi-monthly meeting of the New Jersey society and a dance by the Ohio organization were held.

## 'GEOPHONE' BIG AID IN MINE RESCUES

**French Listening Device Put to  
Remarkable Tests By U.  
S. Experts.**

After a series of important tests with the "geophone," a listening device invented during the war by the French, to detect and locate enemy underground operations, the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, announces that this delicate instrument may be put to a number of remarkable uses in mining and other industries.

The most extraordinary result of these tests is that the Bureau of Mines men have been able, not only to hear and locate sound, but to detect and locate the human voice fully 150 feet away.

What this may mean in the near future can only be conjectured. An engineer of the bureau was able through 300 feet of coal to distinguish nine out of ten different coal-mining tools that were used at different times, so characteristic are the sounds.

In one mine where experiments were being made at the face of a tunnel, the mine foreman who was listening heard workmen in another tunnel preparing to blast and ordered the engineers to retire until the blast was fired. The sounds were so clear he did not realize the tunnel head-ends were over 300 feet apart.

The greatest value of the geophone in mining, so far as known, will be in connection with rescue work in mines. Quicks frequently miners are entombed in coal mines following explosions, and these men may be located quickly and accurately through the geophone. In metal mines, also, there may be imprisoned behind walls or barricaded in some part of the mine to which they have retreated in order to protect themselves from the fumes of a fire—these, too, may be rescued through prompt location.

## CAPITAL'S NATIVE SONS FORM COLUMBIA SOCIETY

Native-born residents of the District of Columbia formed the Columbia Society at the District building last night, on the plan of the various State societies in the Capital.

James C. Suter was elected president of the organization, George W. Evans, who has served during the formation of the society, declining a permanent position. The other officers are: first vice president, Mrs. John C. Kony, secretary, Snowden Ashford; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Samuel W. Stinemetz; treasurer, Carl J. F. Gaff; historian, John Claggett Froctor.

The new organization adopted unanimous resolutions for suffrage in the District of Columbia, and for the election of members of the Board of Education by the people.

## SUMMER AND SPRING VEGETABLES PLENTIFUL

Summer and spring vegetables are plentiful in the markets at present. The cold wave which has swept the country for the past few days has damaged only the berry crop.

There are new potatoes, selling at \$2 per bushel; peas, 45 cents a quarter peck; radishes, spring onions at 10 cents a bunch; cauliflower, 50 and 60 cents a head; rhubarb, 10 cents a bunch; kale, spinach, and water cress at 15 cents a quarter peck.

Strawberries can be had for 85 cents a basket. Dealers predict an increase in price due to the destruction of the crop by the cold wave.

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## Clamor For Healing As 'Miracle Woman' Prepares To Depart

After a three weeks' stay, during which she preached to more than 50,000 men, women and children, and aided through prayer many sick and crippled, in some instances, it is claimed, effecting complete healings, the "Miracle Woman," Mrs. Almee Semple McPherson, Canadian evangelist, delivers her last sermon at the McKendree Methodist Episcopal Church tonight, and tomorrow leaves for California.

The "Miracle Woman" preached at the 11 o'clock service this morning. Long before 9 o'clock crowds stood in front of the church, and before the service began the edifice was crowded.

"I feel that I have helped the people of Washington," said the "Miracle Woman," who has made 25 converts here, "and I leave the city much encouraged. Jesus has been with me during my entire stay, and through Him wonders have been wrought. The people of this church have been helped."

"Mrs. McPherson leaves at 6 o'clock tomorrow night for a flying trip to Los Angeles, Cal., to pay a short visit to her children, Robert, nine years old, and Roy, six. On April 23 she will be in Dayton, Ohio, to conduct revival and 'healing' services. Her next jump will be to Canada, and then she will return for a long trip through the United States."

Stand For Hours Waiting. All yesterday crowds gathered in front of the McKendree parsonage in the hope of getting a glimpse of Mrs. McPherson. The crippled and sick stood for hours in the yards of the parsonage, and the sidewalks were crowded.

Rev. Charles A. Shreve, pastor of the church, would not permit visitors to see the "Miracle Woman" yesterday. Mrs. McPherson having worked so strenuously and long, she was nearly exhausted. There were no services last night.

More than 100 persons tried to talk to Mrs. McPherson by telephone yesterday. The result was that the "Miracle Woman" was so disturbed it was necessary to stuff cotton in the bell.

Mrs. McPherson went for a short walk yesterday, and on her return several hundred men and women waited in front of the parsonage waiting for her. There were blind, deaf, dumb, and crippled present. Mrs. McPherson did not pass them by. She stopped and talked over them.

She talked to more than twenty and urged them to have faith in God, telling them He would cure them.

While Mrs. McPherson was out yesterday, a deaf and dumb man called, saying the "Miracle Woman." He was told she was out, but, not discouraged, he asked the men and women in the parsonage to pray for him. Dr. Shreve, his wife, and several others gathered around him in the parlor and prayed. A short time later Mrs. McPherson joined the party, and after thirty minutes of prayer, the man began to mumble unintelligible words.

"In the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, you shall talk," called out Mrs. McPherson.

The man, kneeling, looked up. By reading the lips he understood her, and he mumbled these words:

"In the name of Jesus."

He repeated the words. They wrote other sentences on a sheet of paper. He repeated the words and in a few minutes could mumble almost any sentence. The man left the parsonage.

## RED CROSS HOLDS THREE DIET CLASSES THIS WEEK

Topics to be discussed during the coming week at the food classes held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the teaching center of the District Red Cross Chapter, 16 Jackson place, include diets and laxative foods.

The second series of courses in dietetics under the instruction of Miss Edith Allen is proving so popular that the first, judging by the attendance at the classes, which are held at 11 a. m., 4:45 p. m. and 7 p. m.

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## BOROUGH RULE FORD, C. URGED

**Mt. Pleasant Citizens Adopt  
Tentative Plans for City  
Self-Government.**

With a view to carrying out the form of local self-government of the District, which is denied under the system of Federal control, members of the Mt. Pleasant Citizens' Association last night voted to establish a complete borough government.

The structure of a New York city borough would be used, with a borough president, council and other executive officers nominated and elected by the public, the elections to be held on the day of the regular fall election in States.

Citizens would be required to pay a registration tax in lieu of association dues.

Plans for working out the borough system will be perfected by Major Robert H. Young and presented to the association at its May meeting. The plan, if endorsed by associations in other parts of the District, will, it is believed, have an effect on the movement for District suffrage.

The association adopted a resolution endorsing the bill prepared by Health Officer Fowler, providing for the tuberculin test of milk sold in the District, although objection was made by Dr. C. B. Campbell on account of its proviso concerning ice cream.

Work of the National Capital School Reformation Council was endorsed by the association. The school committee was instructed to appear before the Senate Appropriations Committee to urge the purchase of a site and erection of a new school building in Mt. Pleasant community.

Steps were urged to suppress growing outways among boys, who it was said have been breaking street lamps and smearing garage doors.

## K. OF C. SURVEY IS INDORSED BY PAYNE

Secretary of the Interior John Barton Payne, in a letter to Congressman Daniel J. Roridan, of the Seventh New York district, indorses the Knights of Columbus survey of the possibilities offered to ex-servicemen in settlement on the public domain as farmers. The Secretary declares that the "forward to the land" movement, inaugurated by his predecessor, Franklin K. Lane, is a "fixed policy of the Government."

The Knights of Columbus are now conducting a survey to determine the feasibility of playing ex-servicemen on the unsupervised public lands of the Western States and is actuated by two motives:

1—Congestion of populations in the larger cities means withdrawal from the productive farm areas of the country, a decrease in wages and increase in the cost of living.

2—The food supply from the farms is threatened by further withdrawals and the food supply must be greatly increased if costs of necessities are to be lowered.

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